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Bayside crash victim ID'd

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BAYSIDE — David Crisswell of Eureka has been identified as the individual who died in the June 7 car crash at the Bayside Grange, according to the Humboldt County Coroner's Office. The cause of death was undetermined at press time.

With the vehicle removed from the building's southwest corner, damaged structural supports have been replaced by temporary jacks. A county inspection found the building safe, according to Bayside Grange No. 500 President Anthony Thompson. He said a preliminary estimate for repairs has been obtained and insurance coverage is being ascertained.

The hole in the corner of the Grange building where the vehicle broke through has been patched by a wooden lattice, which was adorned with expressions of love for Crisswell in the days after his death. A couple of other altars between the Grange and Temperance Hall feature flowers, candles, cards and other mementos.

The artifacts had been left by Crisswell's friends, who'd gathered at the site for evening remembrances in the days after his death. This gained the attention of the Grange's leadership over safety concerns, such as proximity to the weakened building and use of candles in dry grass, as well as some minor littering.

The issues were quickly cleared up. "We understand and honor their need for grieving, and asked only that it be done in a safe manner," Thompson said. "We were able to do that respectfully."

He said people should stay at least six feet away from the damaged corner of the building.

Report: Humboldt gets 'good deal' from funding H-DN Film Commission

Daniel Mintz

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HUMBOLDT — Humboldt County's appeal to film producers has translated into millions of dollars of revenue and the Humboldt-Del Norte Film Commission wants to make the county even more film-friendly.

Cassandra Hesseltine leads the commission and gave an annual update on the county's film production activities at the Board of Supervisors' June 11 meeting.

The last year included local filming of a major production featuring Hollywood actor Leonardo DiCaprio.

It's part of the county's long history of providing settings for major films, including the Stars Wars sequel, *Return of the Jedi*.

Hesseltine said over the last 13 years, film production has generated \$12.4 million in revenue for the county.

In addition to grants and fundraising, the commission gets contributions from county sources like the Measure J hotel bed tax increase.

According to the commission, the county funding over the last 14 years is \$1.1 million and film production-related direct revenue has topped \$12 million.

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Cassandra Hesseltine

Summer Adventures

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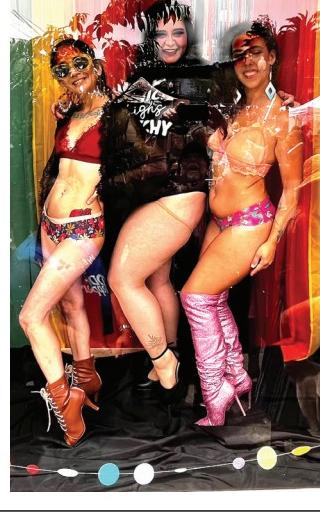


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WHEN THE OYSTER WAS OUR WORLD

BIVALVES' BIG DAY It was a day of children in the treetops, dancers in shop windows, plus music, crafts, beverages, intermittent sunshine and of course, oysters as the 34th Annual OysterFest – the first one put on by Arcata Chamber of Commerce – brought thousands to the Plaza. Left, a lad ascended to the top of a Plaza tree. Right, Tiny Tr2ntup, Lottie DeLicious and Petite Félicité of Renegade Revue, a collectively owned burlesque troupe, delighted passersby in Peaches & Pearls' front window at 853 H St. Below, OysterFans laze on the lawn while enjoying tunes. OYSTER PIC BY BOB DORAN | UNION; OTHERS BY KLH | UNION



Merritt Perry selected as Arcata's new city manager

CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA — The City of Arcata is excited to share the selection of Merritt Perry as the next city manager. With more than 30 years of local work on public projects and 10 years of direct municipal government experience, Mr. Perry brings a wealth of expertise to his new role.

"Merritt comes with a great background and a great track record," Mayor Meredith Matthews said.

"He already has strong relation-



Merritt Perry

ships in Arcata, graduating from Cal Poly Humboldt's Engineering Program, working on many Arcata projects including the Humboldt Bay Trail North and having raised his family in Arcata schools. I couldn't be happier to know that our new city manager is one with great experience who already has a genuine appreciation for and connection to our community."

Perry will take over starting Aug. 19, the city said.

Regarding his upcoming appointment Perry said, "I'm very excited to get started in Arcata and am grateful for the City Council's confidence in my ability to serve as city manager. Exciting things are happening in Arcata, and I look forward to working with the residents, businesses and staff to build on the momentum underway set through the City Council's vision for the future."

Perry replaces City Manager Karen Diemer, who is set to retire in September after 28 years of service to the city, the past nine as city manager.

Code enforcement better but challenges remain

Daniel Mintz

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT — Humboldt County code enforcement is seeing progress, with almost twice as many cases closed than opened in 2023.

But code enforcement staffing has dropped from 13 workers to eight and there's talk of charging code-breaking property owners for staff and sheriff's deputies' time.

At its June 11 meeting, Humboldt's Board of Supervisors fielded the annual code enforcement report covering 2023.

The county opened 311 cases in 2023 and closed 549 cases.

Of that, 41 cannabis cases were opened and 116 were closed.



Mike Wilson

Code violators are costing the county. Six cleanups in 2023 totaled \$808,649.

The most expensive cleanup by far was at the Green Valley Motel property and an adjacent defunct gas station in Orick.

The cleanup cost \$475,000 and took several years due to complications – property purchase negotiations for the motel and the gas station parcels were initiated and fell through, and the gas station was burned in a fire.

But both were cleaned up by May of 2023.

Supervisor Steve Madrone said the Orick cleanup is "a great example of (an abatement) where it

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Gospel Choir end-of-year concert

REDWOOD INTERFAITH GOSPEL CHOIR
ARCATA — The Redwood Interfaith Gospel Choir is thrilled to announce their end-of-the-year concert Sunday, June 23 at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. Doors open at 1 p.m., the concert kicks off at 2 p.m.

For over 35 years, the choir has been spreading the joy of music and unity as the Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir. This year, we're excited to bring together our talented musicians, both new and returning choir

members, to share the power of Black gospel and spiritual music traditions.

We are honored to have the esteemed Madi Simmons join us as our special solo artist. With his incredible talent and soulful voice, he will add an extra touch of magic to the concert.

We are privileged to have co-directors who are well-known musicians in our community. Jim Hubbard and Jenni Simpson bring their expertise and passion to create a truly exceptional musical experience.

PAPERBACKS FOR WILPF Humboldt WILPF (Women's International League for Peace and Freedom), needs current paperbacks for its annual July 4 sale at 10th and H streets in Arcata. Call (707) 822-5711 to arrange for pick-up or drop-off.

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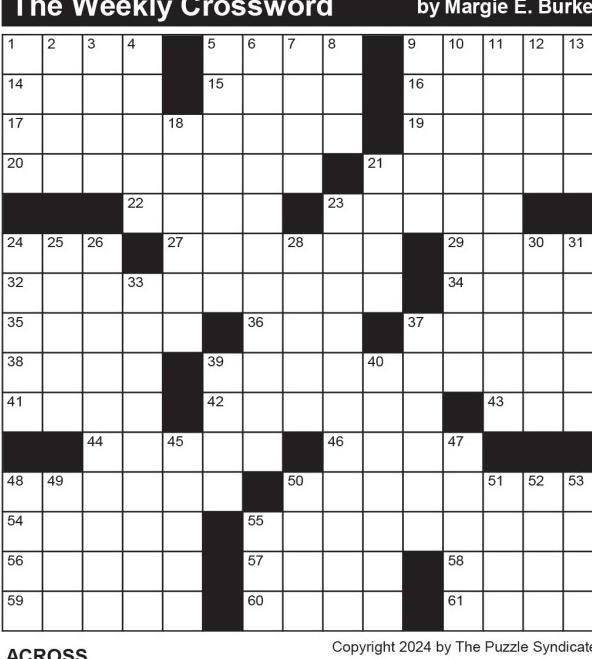
HBGHP RAFFLE The Breast and GYN Health Project invites the community to the 23rd Annual Vacation Benefit Raffle in the backyard at 987 Eighth St., Arcata, Saturday, June 22 from 6 to 8 p.m.. This event is free, with snacks, beverage and mingling plus the final drawing, with five lucky grand prize winners! (707) 825-8345, roseg@hbghp.org, bghp.org/events/23rd-annual-vacation-benefit-raffle

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Rain as measured by National Weather Service at Woodley Island. Weather year starts on Oct. 1.



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WILDBERRIES LEADERS President and Co-founder Phil Ricord and new General Manager Ian Ritchie. **WILDBERRIES PHOTO**

WILDBERRIES MARKETPLACE

ARCATA — "As president and co-founder of Wildberries Marketplace Arcata, I am pleased to announce that we have chosen Ian Ritchie as our next general manager (GM) effective Jan. 1 2025," announced Phil Ricord.

"Aaron Gottschalk, Wildberries' GM for the past 13 years and "Berry" for nearly 30 years, will be retiring at the end of this year. "Aaron and Ian, our current store manager and 20 year plus 'Berry' (Yes, that's what we affectionately call our staff!), have already initiated a rigorous six-month orientation/training process," states Ricord. "Ian will be responsible for the achievement of company goals and objectives, and will have full authority to implement strategies, policies and procedures to ensure Wildberries' continued 30 years of success."

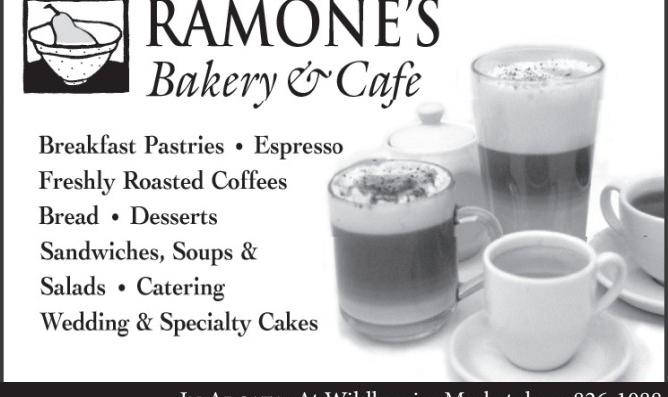
Ritchie will report directly to Ricord and will oversee the management team including the store manager, controller, merchandiser and human resources manager in achieving Wildberries' mission and vision.

Ricord adds, "Ian has demonstrated an extraordinary work ethic, a determined and on-going dedication to excellence, and a clear understanding of the values that have made Wildberries the Supermarket of Choice!"

"Ian will have big shoes to fill (size 14) with Aaron's retirement, and I want to express on behalf of our board, staff and community of shoppers our appreciation for Aaron's exemplary 30 years of service. Thank you."



Aaron Gottschalk



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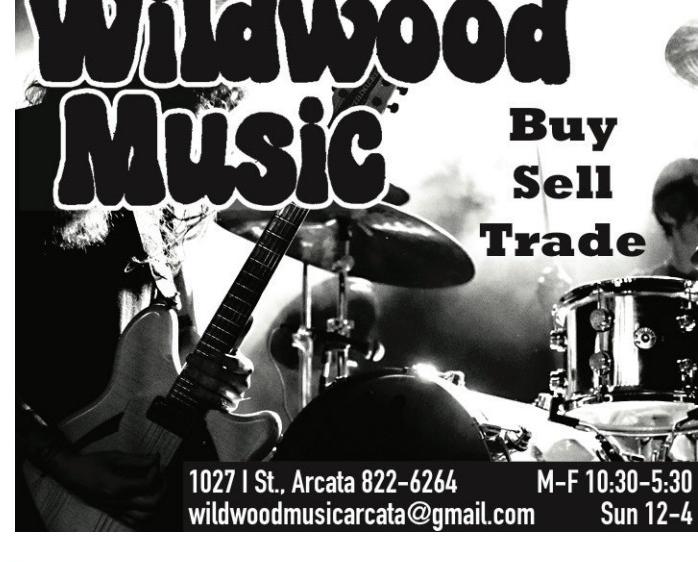
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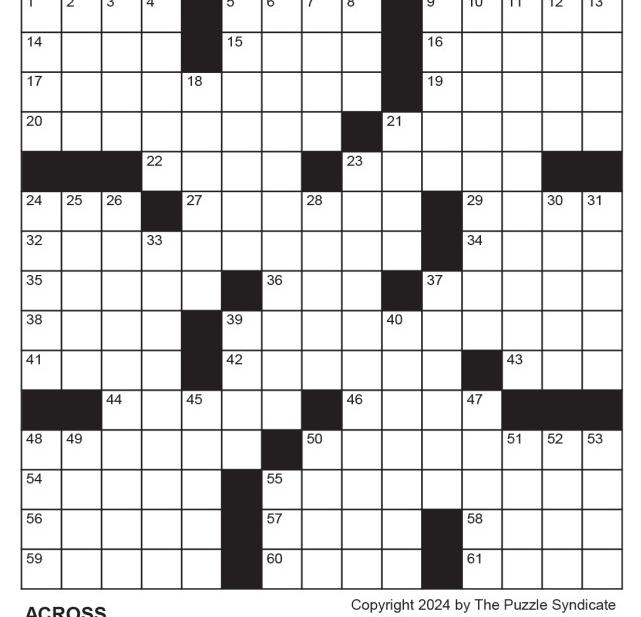
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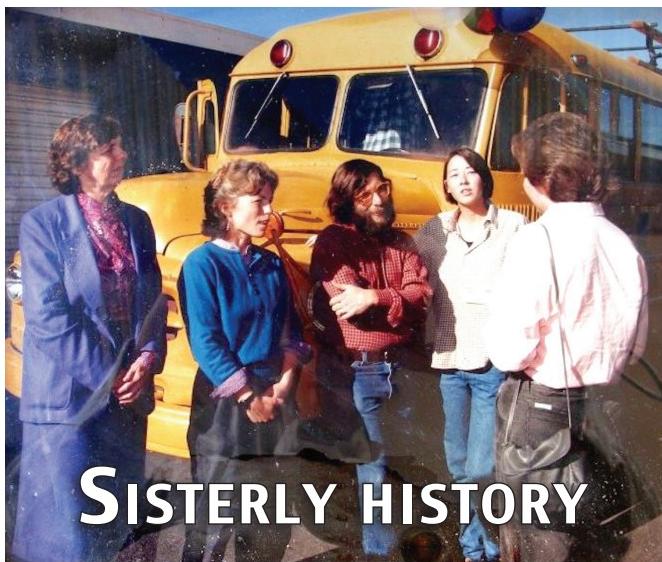
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SISTERLY HISTORY

EARLY DAYS A vintage project photo. A-CSSP IMAGE

ARCATA-CAMOAPA INFO EVENT The Arcata-Camoapa Sister City Project invites the public to an evening of fellowship and information on Thursday, June 27. You've been to the annual I-Block Party but do you know where the proceeds go? The project has changed a bit over the years and we'd love to share what we're up to now. Here's an opportunity to view "Big Yellow," a documentary about an early journey from Arcata to Camoapa on a stuffed school bus, as well as to hear about our more recent projects. We'll have live music from Angel Fargas, one of our first friends from Camoapa, light refreshments, and a chance for old and new friends of the Sister City Project to share updates and camaraderie. Please join us at the Arcata Playhouse on Thursday, June 27, at 6:30 pm. Free admission. Contact sistercityproject1986@gmail.com for additional information.



INTO THE DANGER An AFD firefighter runs through the smoky fire scene. AFD VIDEO IMAGE

Lithium-ion battery fire smokes up Nursery Way

ARCATA FIRE DISTRICT

MCKINLEYVILLE – On Wednesday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m., three engines from Arcata Fire were dispatched to a commercial structure fire at the 1500 block of Nursery Way.

The first arriving engine found light smoke coming from a commercial structure. Fire personnel entered the structure and confirmed the fire was out. There was smoke throughout the structure.

At that point, the fire officer in charge canceled all additional responding fire units and began ventilating the building.

A neighboring business owner reported to fire personnel that he had entered the business where the fire was and had extinguished a lithium ion battery that was burning.

Fire damage was limited to e-bike components and a table within the business, and light smoke damage throughout the business space.

The cause of the fire was determined to be an e-Bike battery that was left charging and had failed.

Arcata Fire thanks citizen Andrew Jordan of Surfside Sips for his actions which likely saved the entire building and its contents.

We also remind the public to make sure that their fire extinguishers are charged annually and after use.

Also, use caution when charging lithium ion batteries, and never leave them unattended while charging.



PABLO CELEBRATION A Celebration of Life for Paul "Pablo" George takes place Saturday, July 13 at 2 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 445 Herrick Ave., Eureka. Family and friends are welcome.

Peanut, your placid pal; Joey, a friendly heart

Welcome to this week's adventures in dog rescue! Redwood Pals Rescue gets a lot of inquiries from people wanting us to help them rehome their dogs. Unfortunately, we do not have a physical facility where we could keep dogs so we try to offer other assistance. We try to find out why they want to rehome and see if there are ways we can help. We can offer vaccines, spay and neuter, some training assistance, supplemental food, crates or other useful information and sometimes that helps.

The hard truth is that there are more dogs looking for homes than people looking for dogs and dogs with behavior problems are not at the top of anyone's list. I have been told "You call yourselves a rescue?" a time or two but I try not to let that get to me. We help everywhere that we can.

We are frequently able to help with puppies, thanks to connections with rescues in the Pacific Northwest, where spay and neuter seem to be more under control. Our usual process is to ask people to keep the puppies and mama together to at least eight weeks to allow the puppies the best start and to make sure they will allow us to help with spay and neuter of the parents after the puppies are weaned. Not every situation is this tidy, and we also help with litters that come in to the shelter, with or without (usually without) the mother.

We have some amazing foster homes that help us care for all the puppies! It's a great way to have some puppy fun without a permanent commitment.

As I write this, there is an adorable puppy making the rounds of our living room. Her story? I returned a voicemail from someone who said he had adopted a puppy and then had second thoughts about the practicality of that move. When I spoke with him, he told me that a friend had adopted a puppy and he thought that would be a great idea also. I'm glad he called as he lives in his vehicle and it isn't even running.

The puppies were being sold out of a trailer on some back road in Arcata. They were being offered for \$100 with papers(!) or less without. These situations make us crazy... The puppy is under the legal age for selling or even

giving away. If I could have identified the location I would have sent Animal Control out, but the best I could do was just go pick her up.

The beautiful 6-week-old white Pitty pup with startling blue eyes was the loudest animal I have ever had in my car! Could be because she is deaf. She is smart and attentive and we are having lots of fun while we wait to hear if our rescue partners will take a deaf puppy. If not, you may see her in this column when she is a little older.

In adult dog news, we've seen some great adoptions lately and hope to see more. We did have a good response to the dogs that we took to Kinetics, either from people seeing the dogs on the course or seeing the social media generated by taking them out for the fun.

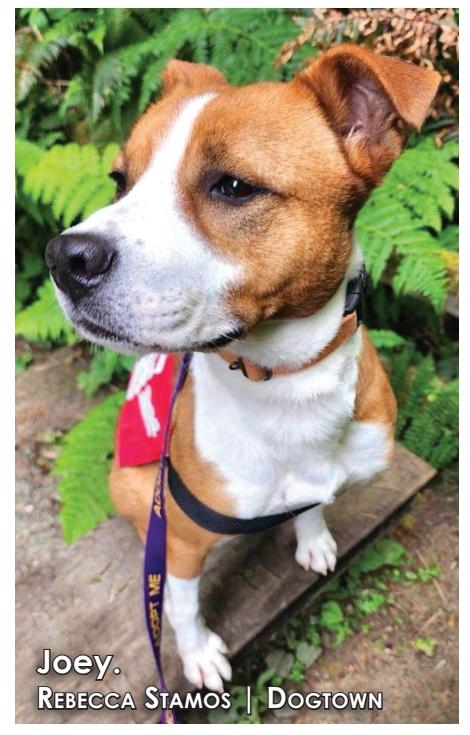
Two of our stars from the event are still waiting for their forever homes. Peanut has just been the best boy in so many situations! At Kinetics he was often seen lounging in someone's lap or rolled over for belly rubs. We took him to the hardware store in McKinleyville before the race and he made friends with all of the staff and customers that he met.

He is easy-going and unfazed by



loud noises, other dogs, crowds or car travel. He is definitely a go-to dog at the shelter when we need a dog for a new volunteer to walk or one to help socialize a less-confident dog.

Peanut will make someone an incredible buddy or great family dog. He already has some training on board and should transition easily to a new home. We have an adoption event coming up at the Blue Lake Ca-



sino on June 29 and he'll be at the top of the list for dogs to take, though we hope someone will realize how much they need this good boy before that. Peanut is estimated at eight years old and weighs about 62 pounds.

Joey was one of our other stars of the Kinetic event. Like Peanut, Joey is known for being great around other dogs and people. He went on an outing with one of our volunteers and their teenager last weekend and this is what she said:

"Joey was a perfect companion for an outing to Headwaters Reserve. He jumped right into the car and he won the hearts of everyone he met when we stopped for a puppacino. When we got to trail he was happy to sniff his way along. We met several dogs and lots of people and Joey was friendly

with them all. He was an excellent walker with no pulling and lots of checking in. This guy is such a great dog... he might just be one of the most well-behaved dogs we've taken out!" Joey is a nice medium size at 42 pounds.

Come meet these two at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter! Appointments and information at (707) 840-9132.

Enforcement | Pressure on property owners proving effective

FROM PAGE 1

just got absolutely necessary to do that."

The situation was "just a nightmare," he continued, describing a horror movie-like vermin infestation demanding pre-demolition fumigation,

"To go in and just demolish it – the fear was that the rats were just gonna run across the street to the school," he said, referring to Orick's elementary school.

The future of the properties is uncertain. Madrone said they're up for auction due to failure to pay taxes.

The county has placed a lien on them to recover the cleanup costs – which Madrone believes could be higher than what the parcels are worth – and other parties have also placed liens.

"But I know the Orick

community is very grateful for your efforts there," Madrone told Code Enforcement Manager Dean Beck.

Code Enforcement improvements include new procedures, including having code officers work in specific county areas.

"I really appreciate the direction code enforcement is taking – I haven't gotten complaints so that's great," said Supervisor Michelle Bushnell. "Whatever's happening that's new seems to be working well with the community."

Bushnell added that those dealing with violation notices "feel that they can work with the abatement department better than they did in the past."

But problem properties that constantly demand work are a drain at a time of budget challenges.

Supervisor Mike Wilson floated the idea of charging fees based on staff time in addition to penalty fees.

He noted that the county already has codes that allow the Sheriff's Office to charge for its time when responding to noise-related nuisance complaints.

"So there's some discussion about the appropriateness of having property owners be more responsible for their costs to the county," Wilson said. "Especially in these times of tight budgets, I think we need to figure out ways to have some of those property owners be more financially responsible for all the efforts we're using."

Supervisor Rex Bohn said some properties are on their second or third rounds of abatements. He said the county's getting

"taken to the cleaners" on those and asked Planning Director Planning Director John Ford if changes can be made to address them.

"We are expanding our tool belt," Ford replied, adding that the "overall approach" has changed.

"Just to be blunt, we're finding that constant pressure on property owners is the way that things get done," he said. "You can't just send them a letter and hope they deal with it, unless you're talking to them every day and in their face ... that's where the change gets made."

The report describes code enforcement challenges, including properties left behind following owner deaths, the drop in staffing and having to place liens on properties to regain abatement costs.

Juggling show Saturday

HUMBOLDT JUGGLING FESTIVAL

ARCATA – The 2024 Humboldt Juggling Festival takes place Friday, June 2 to Sunday, June 23.

The festival begins with Friday, June 21 with a Renegade Show after Arts! Alive in Eureka. The time and venue have yet to be announced.

On Saturday, June 22, there will be a Workshop from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the D Street Neighborhood Center at 14th and D streets in Arcata. There will be a juggling show at the same location at 7 p.m. Donations of zero to \$20 are suggested for adults, \$10 for children.

with a suggested donation of zero to \$5 for children 6 to 12 years old and free for children under 6.

On Sunday, June 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., there will be juggling games at Redwood Park in Arcata. The Humboldt Juggling Festival is an event of extraordinary feats of juggling, sleight of hand, spinning, staff, poi, hooping, rings, whips, wands, clowning, clubs, diabolos, devil sticks, acrobatic yoga, unicycle, comedy, courage, kindness and cooperation!

HumboldtJugglingSociety.org

Film | Still more feature films pending

FROM PAGE 1

"So we think you're getting a good deal," said Hesseltine.

The three-day Forest Moon Star Wars festival was held in late May through early June. It was the county's third Forest Moon event and Hesseltine said with hotel room and other spending, the first two years generated \$160,000 in revenue.

Humboldt's festival has some unique qualities.

"We're not in a convention – a lot of people have said when they go to some type of *Star Wars* activity, it's usually in a convention center and here they get to see the redwoods so they get a two-fer," said Hesseltine. "And we do get costumers that love us and come up here annually."

In the works is a film incentive program that would waive or reimburse film

production permitting and other fees.

Hesseltine said it would be "a great way to entice a film production to the area."

The near future could include two "independent feature films," including one that's interested in filming in Garberville.

It's a union-hiring production that the commission is "really excited about," said Hesseltine.

A second production is in talks that are in early stages.

The commission's efforts to make film producers and crews feel at home in Humboldt include Humboldt Made "welcome baskets" with various goodies.

When Supervisor Steve Madrone suggested also giving "Humboldt Grown" baskets with cannabis products, Hesseltine said the commission is already on it and has gotten cannabis donations for it.

HUMBOLDT CRABS



BABY, TAKE MY HAND Tamara Clohessy "Superfan Tam" on cowbell.
JANINE VOLKMAR | UNION

'More Cowbell' at the Crabs

It was Cowbell Night at the Crabs last week, one of the most hilarious special events in the season. Superfan Tam (Tamara Clohessy) had brought her entire collection: old cowbells, huge cowbells, several cowbells wired together, and a special gift from a fan, a cowbell with crab claws glued all over it. She even had an antique real cowbell on a leather strap with the brand Lucerne etched into the metal. She was ready.

Nearby in the stands Ron Melin had an old goat bell that his wife had found at an antique store. The clapper was a piece of antler and the strap was made of bent willow. He was ready.

Clohessy had passed cowbells out to fans sitting near her. They were ready.

At the first great play by the Crabbies, the cowbell symphony started. It was deafening and fun.

CRAB GAB ♦ PAGE 5

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After victorious weekend, Crabs hit the road

Richard LaPreziosa

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA —Sunday afternoon at the Arcata Ball Park, surrounded by sunshine, fathers and families, the visiting Novato Knicks were gathered on the mound having a conference, discussing, I imagine, how they were going to salvage their weekend.

It was a close game, and they were clawing their way back into it, fighting

to stave off a relentless offense from the Crabs who had been dominating since Friday.

After their two mid-week wins against the Bercovich Honors, in which they scored 10 runs in each, the Crabs would score 13 Friday night, four of them batted in by Javier Felix.

Friday night's story would be about the bottom of the fourth inning, when the Crabs scored 10 of their



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runs. It was a wild inning which saw three Knicks pitchers give up multiple walks, including hit batters, as well as runs scored on wild pitches. When it was all said and done, the Crabs' 13 runs came from only four hits. Pitchers Cameron Saso and Andrew Overland both pitched half the game, and Overland earned the win.

Saturday's game? More

of the same. Except this one ended in seven innings as the game was called because Humboldt had more than a 10-run lead. The final score was 19-3 with Caleb Ruiz getting the win.

And so here were the Novato Knicks, standing around the pitcher's mound, having held Humboldt to seven runs and having just added two more

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Crabs

UPCOMING GAMES:

Wednesday, June 19 at 6:35 p.m.	Lincoln Potters AWAY GAME
Thursday, June 20 at 6:35 p.m.	Lincoln Potters AWAY GAME
Friday, June 21 at 6 p.m.	Healdsburg Prunt Packers AWAY GAME
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CRABBIE COLLECTIBLES

80TH SEASON HATS AND T-SHIRTS Fans are asking about the shirts and hats on sale at the Crabs souvenir stand, commemorating the 80th year of the Crabs. "Why does it say 80 and then, 1945-2024?" The math is a bit confusing. Board President Scarlet Palmer explained. "It's the Eightieth Season," she said. The cashier at a local hardware store asked me if I wanted to round up to donate to the Crabbies. I pointed to my 80 hat and my 75 T-shirt. "I take it that's a yes," she said, laughing. Get yours before they sell out.

JANINE VOLKMAR | UNION

Crabs | Father's Day at the park

♦ FROM PAGE 4

of their own making the score 7-6. They were a run shy from a tie, and holding on for dear life. What could they possibly be saying?

Of course we couldn't tell, with the Crabgrass band throwing down a particularly celebratory version of *Godzilla*, which I could have sworn had a few new twists, or at least an evolved arrangement. But band leader Gordon Johnson told me it's always been the same arrangement, done by Greg Moore, "A famous local tuba player!" according to Johnson.

Johnson also told me the band is hitting the road to join the team on their road trip for one game, Saturday night in Healdsburg.

"I'm expecting people to be skeptical and say 'what are these freaks doing here?' and by the end of the game say 'Woah! These guys are pretty cool.'"

The Crabs, of course, are making a longer trip, to Lincoln and Healdsburg, where they will play a tough schedule of six games in a row.

"We're ready," manager Robin Guyver told me after Sunday's game. "It's going to be tough. We're playing two very good opponents on the road in some different weather

than we've been in. We got our hands full, but we're excited and ready to go."

Still, there was that issue of Sunday's game to settle. With the score 7-6, and a runner on second for the Crabs, Jett Ruby hit a single, scoring the runner and putting them up by two runs. Pitcher Nolan Long shut the door in the top of the ninth and gave the Crabs their 10th win of the year by a score of 8-6.

The band started blaring a spirited rendition of a song by Offspring, *The Kids Are Not All Right*, while the kids at the game charged on to the field for the Sunday tradition of running the bases.

The fathers and their families, so many fathers holding babies, lingered in the sunshine for a little bit of extra time this Father's Day.

Chatting and socializing, wanting the celebration to last a little while longer before the team leaves town and the stadium goes dark until they return on June 25, for a Tuesday night game against the Menlo Park Legacy.

Crab Gab | Fun

♦ FROM PAGE 4

Just when it couldn't get any better, the D.J. played (*Don't Fear*) *The Reaper* by Blue Öyster Cult. Tam turned to me with a big grin and said, "I asked him to play it."

She pulled her wooden drum stick from her bag of tricks and let loose on the biggest cowbell. And she rocked it!

Every person walking to get a beer or walking back from the snack bar stopped in front of Tam and said those immortal words from the *Saturday Night Live* skit with Christopher Walken and Will Ferrell, "More Cowbell!"

Every single person.

Sitting next to Tam is always fun. She has a designated seat in the front row behind home plate. She has her bubble machine ready for a home run.

But this was beyond fun. I was laughing so hard that I almost slid off the metal bleacher. "More Cowbell," I yelled over the din and she complied.

So get ready, fans, for more special events. Tuesday, June 25 is Star Wars/Star Trek Night. Get those costumes ready and be sure and parade them by Superfan Tam.

And by the way, she's looking for a potential sponsor to buy cowbells to give away at the gate next year. Stop and tell her if you are interested.

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Sequoia Park Zoo enters philanthropic partnership with HAF+WRCF

SEQUOIA PARK ZOO

EUREKA — Sequoia Park Zoo is excited to announce our philanthropic partnership with Humboldt Area Foundation and Wild Rivers Community Foundation (HAF+WRCF), an organization known for over 50 years of charitable work and service to the redwood region.

"Humboldt Area Foundation has a stellar charitable reputation," says Donna Wood, City of Eureka director of community services. "It's wonderful to partner with a trusted philanthropic organization with deep community connections in Eureka and across Humboldt."

Sequoia Park Zoo's established charitable funds, including the Conservation Fund, Animal Enrichment Fund and Everyone's Zoo library program, will have a home at HAF+WRCF, and donors will be able to support their favorite programs and projects with ease.

"Working with Humboldt Area



Foundation ensures that donation dollars are used for their intended purposes," says Jim Campbell-Spickler, Sequoia Park Zoo director. "Relying on their philanthropic expertise allows the zoo to continue what we do best - care for our animals, host amazing education and conservation programs, and innovate new habitats and experiences at the Zoo."

Sequoia Park Zoo has been proudly accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA) for over 25 years and is committed to the highest standards of animal wellbeing, conservation and education. The zoo currently cares for over 150 animals representing more than 50 diverse species, from red pandas and river otters

to bald eagles and bush dogs.

In recent years, Sequoia Park Zoo has enjoyed record-breaking visitorship, thanks largely to the popularity of the award-winning and ADA-accessible Redwood Sky Walk and the arrival of rescued black bears Noni and Tule.

Widely recognized as a world-class destination for guests of all ages and abilities, Sequoia Park Zoo offers a truly unique and immersive experience in the redwoods.

"We are delighted for the zoo to continue our beloved community traditions, such as Party for the Planet, Boo at the Zoo and a new personal favorite - Zoo Lights," says Kim Bergel, mayor of the City of Eureka. "Having seen the zoo's growth and success over the past few years, I am confident in the zoo director and entire team, and I am excited to see what they have planned for the future."

The philanthropic partnership between Sequoia Park Zoo and HAF+WRCF deepens the ex-

isting connections between two long-standing area institutions with compatible missions while creating new pathways for protecting wildlife and wild places, strengthening and serving our communities and achieving our shared conservation goals.

The Sequoia Park Zoo has been owned and operated by the City of Eureka since it was founded in 1907. It is the oldest zoo in California and one of the smallest facilities accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA). Sequoia Park Zoo is home to over 150 individual animals from across 50 species and includes the award-winning Redwood Sky Walk and the tallest urban forest on the planet.

Visit redwoodzoo.org and redwoodskywalk.com for more information.

Sequoia Park Zoo inspires conservation of the natural world by instilling wonder, respect and passion for wildlife.

For five decades, the Humboldt

Area Foundation — joined by the Wild Rivers Community Foundation in 2004 — has proudly served the counties of Humboldt, Trinity and Del Norte in California, Curry County in Southern Oregon and the unceded lands of many Indigenous peoples.

Today, the foundation acts as a single entity with a generational vision and decade-long goals of supporting "Racial Equity, Thriving Youth and Families, Healthy Ecosystems and Environments, and a Just Economy and Economic Development."

Since 1972, the foundation has awarded more than \$117 million in grants and scholarships from hundreds of charitable funds established by generous individuals, families and businesses in our community. The foundation also provided countless hours of technical assistance, advocacy and convening throughout the region.

For more information about HAF+WRCF, visit hafoundation.org or call (707) 442-2993.

VTS FOREST WORKDAY The next Volunteer Trail Stewards work day comes two days after the summer solstice, Saturday, June 22 from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers will meet at the new Redwood Park playground and work in the general vicinity of the park and adjacent trails. We will clear the trail between 11th Street and the park and the access trail from 14th and Union to the park. We will remove Scotch broom along Fickle Hill Road and clean Trail #18. There is always ivy to be removed, and we may do a sweep along Trails #1 and #2 for trash as well. Plenty to be done. Rain or shine. Please wear work clothes, bring work gloves if you have them, and a water bottle. Organizer Rees Hughes announced reinstitution of the sandwich bar for lunch. RSVP to hughes@humboldt.edu to help plan tasks, tools and food.

WIGI WETLANDS WORKDAY Join Redwood Region Audubon Society on Saturday, June 22, from 9 to 11 a.m. for a Wig Wetlands Volunteer Workday. Help create bird-friendly native habitats and restore a section of the bay trail by removing invasive plants and trash. The trail section is located behind the Bayshore Mall and volunteers will meet in the parking lot directly behind Walmart. We will provide tools, gloves, and packaged snacks. Please bring your drinking water. Contact Jeremy Cashen at jeremy.cashen@yahoo.com or (214) 605-7368.



ECO BRIEFS

SOHUM BIRD TOUR Join the Redwood Region Audubon Society for a Southern Humboldt birding walk on Saturday, June 22. This walk includes two to three miles of gentle walking through riparian, grassland, and mixed hardwood forests with bird species varying by season. Year-round residents we may observe include jays, towhees, woodpeckers and several raptor species. Meet at the Tooby Park parking lot located one mile west of Garberville on Sprowl Creek Road. This trip occurs on the fourth Saturday of every month, generally starts around 8:30 a.m., and the leaders vary by month. Call Ann at (707) 296-8720 for the correct start time or with any other questions.

MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, June 22. Meet leader Ken Burton at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine. He will give a general tour, ready to speak on and answer questions about any and all topics related to the Arcata Marsh. (707) 826-2359.

BIRDING AT THE MARSH Join Redwood Region Audubon Society for a free guided field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, June 22, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Bring your binoculars and meet trip leader Kathryn Wendel at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata for easy-to-walk trails and an opportunity to view a diverse range of shorebirds, migratory songbirds and raptors, and resident birds likely engaging in breeding activities.

A cosmic collective nurturing community through art and music

This week's edition of All Things Art shifts its focus from an individual artist to a collective. I decided to talk to an arts and music collective located in Arcata. Outer Space Arcata (OSA) is an arts and music center devoted to community building.

OSA began with the goal to spread music throughout the community, giving local and small bands a venue to perform. OSA also aims to build community through youth empowerment and promoting the understanding of societal oppression through creative expression and education.

"We aim to serve as an incubator for artists, writers, thinkers and the youth of our community by hosting a diverse and wide-range of programming, including educational workshops, classes, live performances, an in-house library, cooperatively run artisan gift shop and gallery space," the OSA Collective said.

OSA engages regularly with the local art community, leaving a positive impact on local artists. They make their space available for community groups and host low-cost music events. They also house a gift

shop that provides local artists with a place to showcase their art, and a rotating art gallery that highlights young and marginalized artists.

"At a time when so many local galleries are closing, we believe having wall space available to unestablished artists is an invaluable aspect of what Outer Space provides to the arts community," the OSA Collective said.

Local and touring bands play shows that OSA hosts in their venue. They also host a variety of different events including a weekly poetry workshop, a tech meetup, a dharma recovery group and open mic nights on the first and third Sunday of each month.

OSA has seen success in being able to provide youth with the opportunity to lead a drag performance. This allows for these young performers to develop skills while addressing social justice concerns affecting young people in the LGBTQ+ community.

"We were recently approved for a grant and able to implement 'Cistem Failure', a youth-led drag performance, that fosters creativity and resilience while increasing visibility and community support for vulnerable youth artists in Humboldt County," the OSA Collective said.

Success can come in many different forms and OSA views the growth of different artists and musicians that use their space as another successful aspect of their center.

"A success is getting to watch artists and musicians on their crafts become better musicians and songwriters," said the OSA Collective.

OSA hopes to continue to provide a space for artists and musicians to have their first shows.

They will never turn anyone down for lack of funds and therefore have a low barrier of entry, as hosting events and having people using and enjoying their space holds more value than making money.

OSA is located at 837 H St. and they are always looking for more community involvement. Whether it's through volunteering, coming to shows, or supporting the local artists in their gift shop, there are multiple ways to support OSA. Anyone interested in getting involved in their mission can email them at OuterSpaceArcata@gmail.com.

If you would like to be spotlighted or have a suggestion for a different artist or event, you can reach out at allthingsart@playhousearts.org.

Juneteenth Cultural Festival 2024: Visions of a Liberated Future

BLACK HUMBOLDT | NAACP

EUREKA — June 7, 2024 — Black Humboldt and the Eureka Chapter of the NAACP, in collaboration with the Black community of Humboldt County, are excited to announce the 2024 Juneteenth Cultural Festival. This year's celebration, from Wednesday, June 19 through Saturday, June 22, promises a series of engaging, family-friendly events that honor the legacy of Juneteenth and promote Black culture, arts and community.

Events and gatherings will be held across Humboldt County, including Fortuna, Eureka and Arcata. Celebrating the end of slavery, the festival features educational opportunities, local entertainment and moments of connection through the arts. This celebration aims to create inclusive spaces for the Black and BIPOC community, support local Black and Brown businesses and foster community connections.

Juneteenth is a national hol-

iday celebrating the date African slaves were both freed from slavery but more importantly the day the U.S. decided to recognize said freedom. Today we honor this day by celebrating Black culture, Black community, diversity and freedom!

Juneteenth dates back to 1865, it was on some day around June 19th, that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, arrived in Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were free. Note that this was two-and-a-half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, signed Jan. 1, 1863. Find out more at juneteenth.com/history.html.

It's not too late to sponsor Juneteenth! All proceeds go directly to support our 2024 We've got awesome perks for our sponsors like Juneteenth T-shirts, posters, good eats and more!

Festival Schedule: *Black-*

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Wednesday, June 19

10 a.m. — Juneteenth Speakers Series with surprise guest — Zoom — register to join

All day — Justice for Josiah Mural community painting in

honor and celebration of David Josiah Lawson's life — D Street, Arcata

4 p.m. — In person Juneteenth kickoff hosting BBQ plates, vendors, local artists and a Kids' Zone. Hosted at Rampart Arcata

8 p.m. — Juneteenth Hip Hop Show — Krayzie Bone, Sloan Bone, EmCee Radio Active — \$\$\$ ticketed show — Rampart Arcata

• Thursday, June 20

10 a.m. — Juneteenth Speakers Series — hiphop education — Zoom — register to join

3 p.m. BSU BBQ at Jefferson Community Center in Eureka — Music, food and community.

• Friday, June 21

10 a.m. — Black Healing Ways — herbal knowledge exchange — Zoom — register to join

5 p.m. — "The People's Mic" — open mic and artist showcase

— Old Town Gazebo in Eureka at The Friday Night Market

5:30 p.m. — Queer BIPOC Joy Printing with Chica Masa — Second Street Art Lab, Eureka

6 p.m. — Juneteenth Family Skate Night 9 Park St. Fortuna

• Saturday, June 22

10:30 a.m. — Yoga workshop — all ages — Adorni Center, Eureka

Noon to 10 p.m. — Day festival at Halvorsen Park in Eureka — kids' zone, a hip hop zone and a Black and Green zone.

Noon — Vogue 101 workshop — Adorni Center, Eureka

2:30 p.m. — Landback & The Movement workshop — Adorni Center, Eureka

9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. — Official after party hosted at Phatzy Klines in Eureka with chunes from DJ Pressure.



THEN & NOW Northwest corner of the Arcata Plaza, where the building that houses Arcata Liquors was built in 1876. For more photo comparisons, visit arcatahistory.org. LEFT PHOTO VIA CAL POLY HUMBOLDT; RIGHT PHOTO BY TAMARA WOLSKI | HISTORICAL SITES SOCIETY OF ARCATA

OPINION

11 benefits of a Trump presidency

- A withdrawal from the World Health Organization and shutting down the pandemic preparedness office could contribute to a rapid decline in the world population to sustainable levels.
- Eliminating the FDA may lead to the end of all those tiny product warning labels and all that health and safety information about what we eat and use.
- An end to the whole meritocracy idea in hiring in favor of Trump loyalists would significantly decrease the uncertainty in applying for a government job.
- Race, gender, sexual orientation will no longer be public issues. All white, heterosexual males will be equal before the law.

❖ LETTER

- We will finally be "One nation under God". The White Christian Nationalist God.
- Climate Change will be declared a hoax and there will no longer be any of our taxes going to address the issue. Any mention of climate change or global warming will be declared illegal.
- A focus on "law and order" will result in police and military units everywhere. We will be safe... from each other.
- The deportation of 12 to 14 million men, women and children will result in lots of housing available... for reliable Trump supporters.
- Forced slave labor by an increasing number of incarcerated people will be able to provide inexpensive workers for dangerous, unsafe and unhealthy jobs that had been done by immigrants; and, no more OSHA.
- By branding any opposition, "traitors, vermin and enemies" we will no longer have to deal with the endless campaigning seasons. Instead we will have a President for life Trump.
- "We the People" will be replaced as a national slogan by "What's in it for me?"

There are many more benefits to another Trump presidency. Please feel free to add them to this list. **Wallace Anderson**
Arcata

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'Everyone is valued, welcomed and included'

Note: These are the remarks made by Arcata Mayor Meredith Matthews at the Pride Flag ceremony at City Hall. —Ed.

Thank you for joining us in raising the Pride Flag to celebrate Pride month in Arcata.

The first Pride parade marked the anniversary of the Stonewall uprising, when police raided the Stonewall Inn on Christopher Street in New York on June 28, 1969. That night, after growing tension, police stormed the "gay bar" and arrested multiple people. Patrons resisted and six days of riots broke out between patrons/supporters and police.

I do recognize and appreciate the progress that our society has made in recognizing and supporting trans rights, yet we know our friends and neighbors in the 2S/LGBTQAI+ community. However, just like the brave acts of courage taken by the protesters at Stonewall we know that many in our community act with courage every day in the face of bigotry and discrimination.

Earlier this year on March 19 we celebrated Two-Spirit Day and encouraged all residents to learn about Two-Spirit traditions and to summon the courage to stand up and speak out to interrupt racism, sexism, homophobia and transphobia when it occurs.

Please take the time to listen with patience and empathy and help us create an environment for learning and understanding each other.

Today we celebrate, we celebrate the many contributions that the 2S/LGBTQAI+ members of our community have made to the social, scientific, business and artistic fabric of our community.

We celebrate the influence that the 2S/LGBTQAI+



Vice Mayor Alex Stillman, Mayor Meredith Matthews and Councilmember Stacy Atkins-Salazar at the Pride Flag raising. KIH UNION

community members have had on the social justice movement and we raise this flag as a symbol to show that here in Arcata, we believe that everyone is valued, welcome, and included, regardless of what we look like, where we come from or who we love.

2S/LGBTQAI+, WHAT IT MEANS: Two-Spirit (2S), Lesbian (L), Gay (G), Bisexual (B), Transgender (T), Queer or Questioning (Q), Asexual (A), Intersex (I), indicating the wide spectrum of sexual and romantic orientations, gender identities and gender expressions a person may hold in their lifetime (+). Two-Spirit begins the 2SLGBTQIA+ initialism to acknowledge that Native people and Native identities came before the Western-defined identities specified thereafter.

Budget gloom, a key resignation, water's going up as Taste of Trinidad awaits

The Greater Trinidad Chamber of Commerce presents Taste of Trinidad 2024 on Thursday, June 20 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Saunders Park on Janis Court off Patrick's Point Drive.

Executive Director John Adams invites Chamber members and guests to sample the fare of local restaurants, breweries and wineries.

There will be live music by Ponies of Harmony and painting-in-progress by Trinidad's Antoinette Magyar.

\$20 admission at the event or go to tinyurl.com/tasteoftrinidad24 for online tickets. For information, call (707) 677-8645.

Joyful Eighth Grade Commencement at Trinidad School

Superintendent-Principal Alyse Nichols and School Board Member Kim Bynum presented diplomas to the eighth graders of Trinidad School last week.

The 2024 graduates are Vivian Adams, Taos Addison, Nolan Barnes, Mateo Blackwell, Zoey "Scotty" Bryant, Anita Coffer, Van Dalmolen, Leah Han, Greyson Harmon, Quincy Kelly, Cocora Low, Valentina Midence, Elora Moore, Odin Pitre, Bo Poer, Suvanya Provolt, Avalon Stills, Benjamin Sutter, Isabelle Tracy, Teo Waters, Liliana White and Dylan Zetter.

Music teacher Jesse Jonathan led the class, all playing drums, in the outdoor processional and then accompanied the students to the stage with *Pomp and Circumstance*. Vivian Adams opened the ceremony with her trumpet interpretation of the *Star Spangled Banner*.

The entire class presented heartfelt individual tributes and sincere appreciation to the teachers, parents, administrators, librarian, staff, cooks, maintenance staff, counselors, aides and after school leaders. Alyse Nichols gave a particularly inspirational speech, emphasizing determination, grit, hard work and patience winning the day over any easy path to academic and personal success.

Ellen Brown of Trinidad Lions Club presented awards to Co-Valedictorians Quincy Kelly and Vivian Adams. Teachers Tyler Vack and Margie Cunningham honored the Salutatorian, Leah Han.

Trinidad School Education Foundation leader Amy Day, art teacher Thao Le Khac and music teacher Jesse Jonathan present-

ed the art award to Zoey "Scotty" Bryant and the music award to Dylan Zetter and Nolan Barnes.

Leah Han was the Friends of the Trinidad Library Language Arts Award presented by librarian Chazelle Owens and Tyler Vack. Elora Moore earned the Mickey Fleschner Science Award.

Trinidad Chamber of Commerce Executive Director John Adams, a Trinidad School graduate, and Margie Cunningham, presented the Math Award to Quincy Kelly and Liliana White. The Trinidad Museum Social Studies Award went to Vivian

the family, friends and community members.

Trinidad School is the heart of Trinidad. It's good to be reminded of the individual qualities and achievements of Trinidad's soon-to-be high school freshmen.

City Manager Eli Naffah Resigns

The Trinidad City Council accepted, with appreciation for his years of service, the resignation of Trinidad City Manager Eli Naffah at last week's meeting. He is retiring from the government post as of Sept. 12, 2024. A Task Force will form to develop and implement a city manager recruitment process.

It was a busy agenda starting with a power point presentation by Trinidad Civic Club Co-President Jan West on the nearly-completed Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse at the harbor project. An official opening of the monument ceremony date will be announced soon.

County Budget and Policy Coordinator Sean Quincey and County Public Works Director Tom Mattson, presented some sobering news about the \$25 million unfunded mandates required by the State of California for Humboldt County.

They said that millions of dollars from the County budget had been diverted to the state during the wildfires and natural disasters that have plagued the State in recent years.

Mattson said it would take \$500 million to bring the 1,207 miles of county roads up to standard and that the county was not adequately prepared to meet public service demands. They suggested that the county would need to turn to local communities with possible tax increases in



THE LEADER Vivian Adams, Trinidad School Co-Valedictorian and winner of the George Herd Leadership Award and the Trinidad Museum Social Studies Award. She also opened the eighth grade graduation ceremony playing the Star-Spangled Banner on the trumpet.

Adams. Isabelle Tracy earned the PTO Positive Impact Award, given by Jeny Giraud and Margie Cunningham. Ellen Brown presented the George Herd Leadership Award to Vivian Adams.

The Dragon Mentors Recognition, described by Alyse Nichols and Jeny Giraud as recognition for volunteer mentors who assist younger students with school work, homework, playground and other support, was given to eight eighth graders.

Tyler Vack and Margie Cunningham go to extra lengths to acknowledge the positive spirit, athleticism, individual achievements and extra work of all 22 members of the Class of 2024. As always the uplifting quality of the school's commencement ceremony is a bright light to witness for

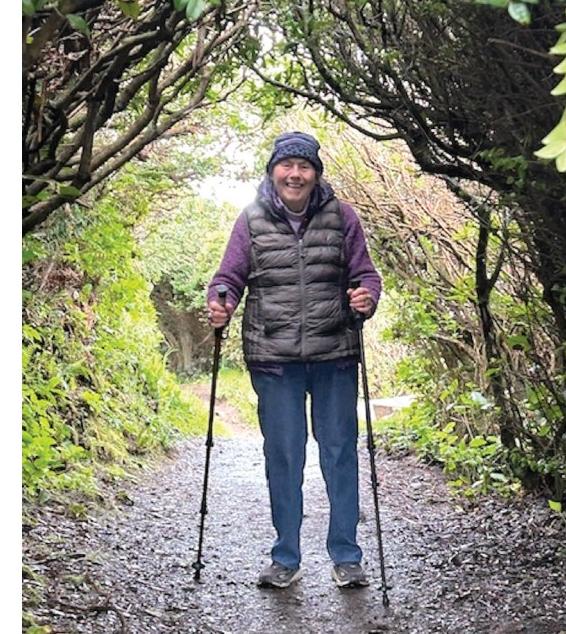


THE GRADUATES Trinidad School Class of 2024.

November.

This gloomy report was followed by a council report on city water system requirements. The over one million dollar water fund is depleted. The council unanimously approved a resolution to authorize a one-time general fund transfer of \$300,000 to the water fund for emergency budget stabilization.

The council also unanimously (Kelly, West, Breckenridge, Tuttle with Ladwig not in attendance) approved a resolution recognizing water fund reserve status and updating 2017 and 2020 fiscal reserve policies to align with water rate update targets through 2029.



PERPETUAL PENNE Penne O'Gara, a Humboldt County Teacher of the Year recipient some years ago, is as active as ever, hiking Trinidad Head and following the Lewis and Clark expedition trail recently. She turned 88 last week and was celebrated by her Song Circle friends.

In other words, there will be a water rate increase forthcoming for both in-town and out-of-town residents (the council recommended that the rate be the same for both in and out-of-town water customers). Meantime, the city will continue its urgent search for local T-3 and T-2 certified water system overseer(s) so the Sacramento company, Coleman, could be relieved of its responsibilities for monitoring the system from far away.

The city's over \$2 million reserve fund remains in place so, in general, there is more black than red ink in budget reports. The council approved the fiscal year 2024-2025 city budget, explained in meticulous detail by City Clerk Gabriel Adams. Projected revenue is \$923,732; expenses \$959,556. These figures are separate from the city projects funded by recent grants, largely public works improvements.

Entertainment All Summer Long

Penny Gunn's Artisans Market, complete with music and locally made products, continues each Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Murphy's parking area. Trinidad Art Night is coming Saturday, June 29, from 5 to 8 p.m. in venues all over town.

Popular entertainer Steve Poltz returns to Trinidad Town Hall on Monday, July 8, with doors opening at 7 p.m. and the show starting at 8 p.m. (tickets at eventbrite; call Sherry Vanderpool (707) 845-6242 for details).

Trinidad Bay Art and Music (TBAM) Festival is coming August 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11 to the Town Hall.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.

SCENE

Theatre, music and more at Baduwa't Festival

DELL'ARTE INTERNATIONAL

BLUE LAKE – This summer Dell'Arte International presents the 34th Baduwa't Festival (formerly called the Mad River Festival), its annual summer festival of theater, entertainment, music, and performance.

This year also marks the 50th anniversary of Dell'Arte International's home in Blue Lake. Dell'Arte has been serving Humboldt County for five decades with fresh, ensemble-created physical "theater of place," professional training, community engagement programs, and live performance.

The 2024 festival features the first Dell'Arte Company mainstage show since the pandemic: *The Poor of New York*, a comic adaptation of a classic American melodrama.

Other events include a free panel discussion on Dell'Arte through the decades; The Prize of Hope Ceremony, a co-production with the Danish Institute of Popular Theater; the Humboldt Folklife Festival, a jam-packed week of live music presented by Humboldt Folklife Society; the Citizen Joy Project, a nationwide interactive performance; and an alumni guest performance of *Forgive Us, Gustavito* by Otherland Theater Ensemble.

The Festival closes with the return of String & Shadow Puppet Theater and their new show *Or So It Would Seam*.

Tickets are sold to individual events, but folks can also take advantage of a Patron Pass, a one-stop buy of tickets to *The Poor Of New York*, The Prize of Hope



SUNNY BLUE LAKE The Folklife Festival takes place July 16 to 20 in conjunction with the Baduwa't Festival.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Ceremony & Dinner, and seats for *Forgive Us, Gustavito*. Tickets are available at dellarte.com.

The Poor of New York

The Poor of New York takes place at Dell'Arte in Blue Lake on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at 8 p.m. June 21 to June 23, June 28 to June 30 and July 5 to July 7.

Kick off the summer with both laughter and tears as Michael Fields directs a cast of Dell'Arte in a comic adaptation of a classic American melodrama.

A financial crash, a government shutdown and some people growing rich off others' misfortune play at the center of the story. Sound familiar?

Expect Dell'Arte's special brand of physical comedy and original music played by the amazing house band, The Left Fields.

Panel discussion

A panel discussion about Dell'Arte and its 50th anniversary takes place in the Carlo Theatre in Blue Lake on Wednesday, July 3 at 6:30 p.m. A half century of people and evolution will be commemorated by a panel of representatives from each of the last five decades who have shaped (and been shaped by) Dell'Arte. Come enjoy a conversation about our history and the ups and downs along the way. This is planned to be a hybrid in-person and virtual free event in the Carlo Theatre.

The Prize of Hope Award

Prize of Hope Award Ceremony takes place in the Carlo Theatre in Blue Lake on Sunday, July 7 at 4 p.m.

Dell'Arte has been offering The Prize of Hope with the Danish Institute of Popular Theater

since 2008. This is an event that is truly international and not to be missed! This year's Prize of Hope is awarded to Brenda Wong Aoki and Mark Izu of San Francisco. Tickets include the ceremony in the Carlo Theater, consisting of a short performance and the presentation of the Prize, drinks and an outdoor dinner.

Daytime Disco

JDaytime Disco with Trash Mash-Up takes place Sunday, July 14 and begins with a parade at 11 a.m.

Alumni Bird & Jessie McCracken of Trash Mash-Up return with a visual spectacle made of music, movement, and "Maskostumes."

Over one week, participants spanning multiple generations will convert unwanted objects into a joyous costumed dancing event during the Annie & Mary Day Parade.

Folklife Festival

The Humboldt Folklife Festival takes place Tuesday, July 16 to Saturday, July 20 at various times.

Dell'Arte hosts the beloved festival that shows off the amazingly talented musicians who make music here in Humboldt. Evening Concerts include Songwriter in the Round (Carlo Theater at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16), Under the Stars (Amphitheater at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17) and Bluegrass and Beyond (Amphitheater at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 18). All Day Free Festival is on two stages from 10:45 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 20.

Forgive Us, Gustavito

Dell'Arte Presents: *Forgive Us,*

Gustavito by Otherland Theater Ensemble Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 26 to July 28 at 7 p.m.

The solitary hippo of the National Zoo is dead. Alumni Becca Finney, Tushar Mathew, and Luccius Robinson return to the Carlo to present a story that is equal parts classic noir and outrageous animal madness. Join Detective Emilio Hippo as he investigates: what does it mean to be complicit in a system you cannot identify? This show is funded in part by the Nancy LaFrenz Memorial Fund.

Citizen Joy! Project

Dell'Arte Alum and Cirque du Soleil star Jeff Raz has orchestrated a day of nationwide interactive performances celebrating democracy on Saturday, July 27 at 2 p.m.

Focused on gratitude, agency and harmony, Citizen Joy will feature story sharing and wishes for the future to the backdrop of nonverbal physical performances.

Or So It Would Seam

Dell'Arte Presents *Or So It Would Seam* by String & Shadow on Sunday, Aug. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

The Olympia-based troupe of multi-disciplinary performance artists returns with a new show with equal parts whimsical fairy tale, outer-space odyssey and slap-stick clown show.

The story follows the cosmic seamstresses of the planet Lupita who, among other things, weave the fabric of space-time. This show will be filled to the brim with giant puppets, colorful stilt-walkers, original storytelling and live music.

This show is great for all ages.

Short Play Festival at Arcata's EXIT Theatre

EXIT THEATRE

ARCATA PLAZA – EXIT Theatre Arcata's 2024 Short Play Festival will be held Thursday, June 20 to Sunday, June 23 and Thursday, June 27 to Sunday, June 30.

Performances will take place Thursdays to Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. at EXIT Theatre, 890 G St., Arcata. Reservations are strongly encouraged. More information and tickets available at theexit.org.

Festival Sundays this year will include a range of performance work even more expansive than last year's festival.

The following is a list of our six Sunday shows that will take place both weekends:

10 minutes ten teachers by Sean Powers' Shadow Puppets; *The Jury-assic Trial* by Lillian Shobe, directed by Ruthi Engelke with performers Arnold Waddell, Tasheena Evenson and Mychal Evenson; Storyteller Paul Woodland gives two stories with local origins *What Happened to Blue Lake?* and *Captain Courageous*; Richard Stein and Lisa Larson offer *Ripped Van Winkle*, a narration and mime piece; *The Tapestry* by Leslie Keig features performers Christina Augello and Scott 'Q' Marcus; and Shoshanna presents a dance performance.

The following is a list featur-

ing the casts for the 12 plays selected for full-stage productions Thursdays-Saturdays:

First festival weekend June 20-22:

- *The Backpacker's Dilemma* by Daniel Lehman, directed by Wendy Butler. The cast is Victor Howard and Mitch Finn.

- *Tree Hugs* by Evan Baughman, directed by Shawn Wagner. The cast is Toodie Boll, Meaghan Sharrad and Elizabeth Whittemore.

- *This Is It* by Dave Reagan. The cast is Rob Wilson and Dave Reagan.

- *The Grout Fairy* by Connie Schindewolf, directed by Molly Severdia. The cast is Dave Fuller and Kimberly Haile

- *Foster Poet* by Clinton Festa, directed by Mitch Finn. The cast is Levi Loria, Izzy Ferraro, Ximena Sastrias, Shannon Mathews, Jeffrey Maiten and Tory Singer.

- *Ten Minutes 'til Christmas: A Made-for-TV Christmas Movie Parody* by Brian Vinero, directed by Jaiden Clark. The cast is Jordan Dobbins and Dominica Savant-Bunch.

Second festival weekend June 27-29:

- *Chute!* by Guy R. Newsham, directed by Ruthi Engelke. The cast is Charlie Heinberg and Susan Abbey

- *The Turn-Around* by Cary



AT THE EXIT Mitch Finn, left, and Victor Howard in *The Backpacker's Dilemma*. PHOTO BY CHRISTINA AUGELLO

Pepper, directed by Holly Portman. The cast is Rigel Schmitt and Moss Nipkau.

- *What You Did Say* by Sam Heyman, directed by Rachel Houska. The cast is Steven Santos, Amadeus Brown, Wojtek Czyz and Stephan Chiltenden.

- *Context* by John C. Davenport, directed by Jordan Dobkins. The cast is Merrick Yra, Abi Camerino, Mary Jo Casas-

anta and Rigel Schmitt.

- *Two Yards of Satan* by Kelly McBurnette-Andronicos, directed by Scott 'Q' Marcus. The cast is Moss Nipkau, Jaye Templeton, Jeanine Redwine and Chris Towler.

- *Meet The Boyfriend* by Jaiden Clark, directed by Tisha Sloan. The cast is Victor Howard, Elizabeth Whittemore and James Wright.

Choral artists present 'Something Sacred, Something Wild'

NORTH COAST CHORAL ARTISTS

EUREKA – The North Coast Choral Artists, led by artistic director Rachel Samet, will present a distinctive and inspiring choral program called "Something Sacred, Something Wild" at the beautiful Christ Episcopal Church in Eureka. There will be two performances, one on Saturday, June 29 at 7 p.m. and the other on Sunday, June 30 at 4 p.m. Tickets will be available for \$20 cash at the door.

The North Coast Choral Artists is a unique musical program where the singers work together for only two weeks from the first rehearsal through the final

performance. This intensive musical experience allows for the cultivation of a strong sense of community, especially since the singers rehearse together for four evenings a week during the two-week period. And because North Coast Choral Artists is specifically designed for experienced choral singers, the group is able to achieve a very high level of artistry within this short period of time.

This year's program includes chestnuts of choral repert-



Rachel Samet

oire such as Randall Thompson's *Alleluia*, Gabriel Faure's *Cantique de Jean Racine*, and the first movement of Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*. The program also includes newer works by contemporary composers like

Moira Smiley, Sara Quartet, and Jake Runestad. The music ranges from the deeply personal and intimate, including Knut Nystedt's stunning *Immortal Bach*, to music that is exuberant and playful, such as Eric Whitacre's *Animal Crackers*.

A DreamMaker Program of The Ink People, the North Coast Choral Artists was founded by Rachel Samet in 2019 as an intensive choral workshop featuring 40 dedicated local singers. In 2020, the workshop was put on hold indefinitely, finally being revived this summer with over 50 outstanding local choral singers slated to participate.

"I am so excited that we are finally back!" says Samet. "We had a great experience in 2019 and I believe that this summer's group of singers is particularly strong. I am looking forward to delving into this program with these talented musicians."

SOUTHERN AVENUE performs Friday, June 21 at the Humboldt Brewery, 856 10th St., Arcata. Southern Avenue, the high-voltage, roots-infused powerhouse hailing from the legendary musical haven of Memphis, has been setting stages ablaze since their explosive Stax Records debut in 2017. Boasting a magnetic energy and a soul-stirring repertoire, this dynamic ensemble has mesmerized audiences worldwide with their heart-pounding performances and emotionally charged compositions.

Also with local favorites Claire Bent and Citizen Funk. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$20 in advance and at the door. (707) 826-BREWS, humbrews.com

PAPA HAOLE AND THE FLEAS perform Friday, June 21 at the Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby's Storehouse, Arcata. Local favorites featuring steel pan, ukulele, drums, bass and guitar, playing original rock, reggae, ska, Latin and calypso. Doors open at 5 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. \$5 at the door. (707) 645-2309, basementarcata.com

THE JESSE MILLS BAND performs Friday, June 21 at the Logger, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. Humboldt County guitarist and singer-songwriter Jesse Mills

playing hearty blues and roots rock. The show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. (707) 668-5000, www.loggerbar.com/events

FOLKS OUR AGE performs Friday, June 21 at Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Folks Our Age is a local musical trio composed of Bob Billstrom, Maggie Moore and Larry Lunch. Show starts at 5:30 p.m. All ages. (707) 839-7580, sixriversbrewery.com

FIELDBROOK WINERY Summer music series continues Friday, June 21 from

4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the outdoor stage at Fieldbrook Winery at 4241 Fieldbrook Rd., Fieldbrook. Performing will be Cadillac Ranch, playing country rock to '60s dance tunes, from vintage honky-tonk to ballads of the heart. All ages, \$1. For more information, call (707) 839-4140 or visit fieldbrookwinery.com

RUSSELL PETERS performs Saturday, June 22 at Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake. Russell Peters was recently named as one of *Rolling Stone's* 50 Best Comics of All Time. He started doing stand-up at

the age of 19 at open mics in his native Toronto, and spent the next 15 years honing his craft at clubs across Canada and the UK. In 2004, Peters gained critical and global recognition for his CTV *Comedy Now!* special and soon became the first comedian to sell out Toronto's Air Canada Centre in 2007. Doors open at 5 p.m., shows start at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. 21 and over. Reserved and general tickets range from \$85 to \$135.

For more information, call (877) 252-2946 or visit bluelakecasino.com

BLUE RHYTHM REVUE per-

forms Saturday, June 22 at the Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby's Storehouse, Arcata. With over 15 years of delighting crowds in Humboldt, Del Norte and Trinity counties, Blue Rhythm Revue continues to bring a soulful sound to the dance music we all know and love. Doors open at 5 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. \$5 at the door. (707) 645-2309, basementarcata.com

SNEAKY MANDY performs

Saturday, June 22 at the Logger, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. Sneaky Mandy

is an electrifying multi-in-

strumentalist singer-songwriter (vocals, ukulele, guitar, keyboards, percussion) with powerful vocals, soulful lyrics and intricate sounds. The show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. (707) 668-5000, loggerbar.com/events

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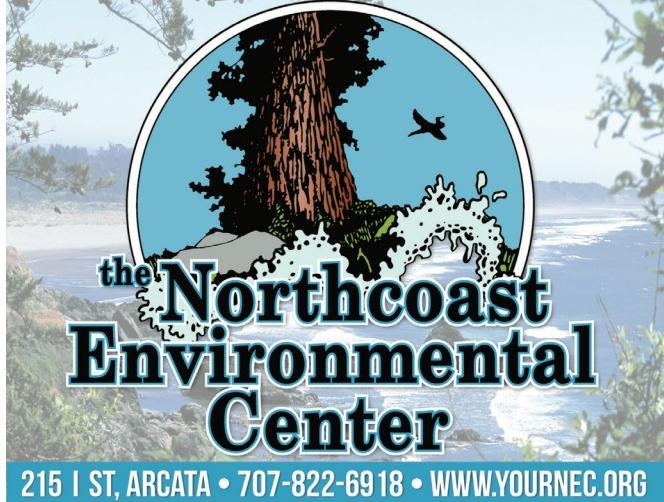


**TOTEM POLE
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PROUD POLE
Work is now complete on the remodel of the World's Largest Totem Pole, which towers over the McKinleyville Shopping Center. The roadside attraction, carved by Ernie Pierson with the help of Johnny Nelson in 1962, was shortened a year ago after rot was discovered at the top of the pole. Three characters – Thunderbird, Redheaded Woodpecker and Coyote, were removed. That left Blue Jay as the top character, so workers transformed it into Thunderbird, complete with wings and a shiny new hat. The entire pole was repainted. The sign at the bottom of the pole states that the landmark is 160 feet tall. The actual height, before it was shortened, varied, as it once had antennae, which flopped over years ago. With the removal of the three characters, the totem pole is now about 29 feet shorter.

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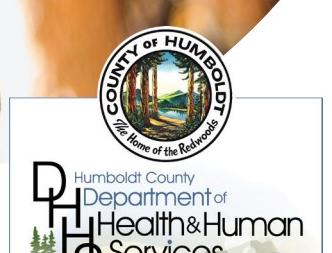
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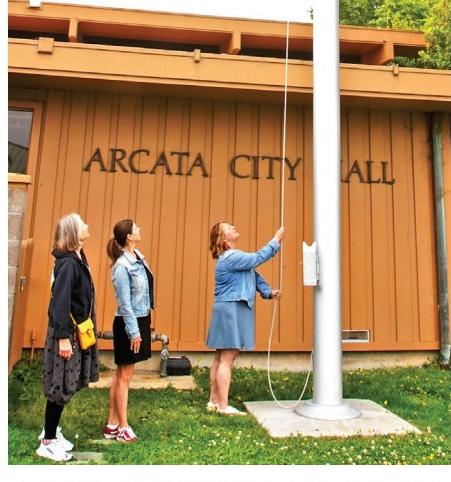
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Arcata honors Pride Month

CITY OF ARCATAS
ARCATA – The City of Arcata is holding a Pride Flag raising ceremony in honor of Pride Month!

On Monday June 10 at 11 a.m. the City of Arcata will hold a flag raising ceremony to commemorate June 2024 as Pride Month. The Pride flag will fly along with the American flag, California State flag and the Earth flag now

FLYING THE COLORS
During a brief ceremony, the Pride flag was raised out front of City Hall by Mayor Meredith Matthews, Councilmember Stacy Atkins-Salazar and Vice Mayor Alex Stillman. PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION



through June 30 in recognition of Pride Month.

"Arcata is a city that values diversity and acceptance. This ceremony is one way to celebrate the contributions that the 2S/LGBTQAI+ community members have made to the economic, cultural, scientific, social and artistic fabric of Arcata" shared Mayor Meredith Matthews.

On June 5, the Arcata City Council adopted a resolution recognizing the month of June as Pride Month and directed the Pride Flag to be flown at the City Hall Flag Pole each June to honor the fundamental rights guaranteed by the California

and U.S. Constitutions and recognize that they apply to every person in the city. For more information, contact citmgr@cityofarcata.org or (707) 822-5953.

RUSTIC PROTRUSION
The formerly naked Cingular Wireless cell tower on Foster Avenue on the Arcata Bottom continues to see installation of its purportedly eye-pleasing faux water tank overlay. Depending on the angle from which you view it, the 120-foot

-tall tank-antenna can look menacing with its spiky, electronic claw bristling out of the top to slash at the sky, top right, or increasingly rustic in its cutesy new façade, bottom right. The extra 20 feet added to the tower to accommodate additional carriers has stretched the bogus reservoir vertically, possibly reducing its believability as a nondescript rustic water storage unit. But maybe we can pretend the fake tank is intended to store exceptionally tall and skinny imaginary water.

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Hop along with Princess and the Frog at Van Duzer

SUNDANCE BALLET COMPANY

ARCATA – The Dance Scene Studio and Sundance Ballet Company's 11th annual dance recital will be the classical story ballet *Princess and the Frog*.

The two performances will take place on Saturday, June 22 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, June 23 at 2 p.m. at Cal Poly Humboldt's Van Duzer Theatre with a full cast of Sundance Ballet Company dancers and Dance Scene Studio students.

A journey down the bayou will bring special characters to the stage after a young woman kisses an enchanted frog in an attempt to make him human (and a prince) again. Hop along on the adventure with Sundance Ballet Company member Sophia Neyra who will star as the princess and Miles Grant who will dance as the Prince and make his recital debut.

The Shadow Witch (Annika Avcollie-Young) will have her spell challenged when friends including the hilarious alligator musician (Ruby Reid), and many snakes, stars, tadpoles, and

tained by the exuberant Riverboat Jubilee's multi-fine numbers.

The 200 performers include Dance Scene Studio students and Sundance Ballet Company members, apprentices, and Junior Company members. Sundance

sion of ballet swing. Sophia is a great lead this year and a natural princess."

Assorted classical music will create the ballet, which is based on the folktale *The Frog Prince*, the novel *The Frog Princess* by E.D. Baker, and some elements from the



SNAKES Back row from left Bailee Billings, Mia Miranda, Hyland Buck, Olivia Gill, Austynn Thompson, Claire LaFrance, London Bonilla. Middle Row: Elizabeth Kosits, Norah Merideth-Sutke, Beau Douglas, Madison Hamilton and Harper Pearce. Front row Sophia Alvarez-Solis, Echolette Badeaux, Brooklyn Collins, Eliana Powell and Elizabeth Renz. PHOTO BY TINA'S PHOTOGRAPHY

Ballet Company Artistic Director Carrie Badeaux provides original choreography to this amusing and happily-ever-after fairy tale.

2009 Disney animated film *The Princess and the Frog*.

The second half of the show is a delight with an array of dances outside of the *Princess and the Frog* theme with dance styles including jazz, tap, lyrical, hip hop and contemporary.

The recent regionally award-winning Scene Team will also present five dances by choreographer and coach Brittney Christensen.

The closing showpiece is a 1930s French inspired piece with challenging partnering, tableaus, and lifts by choreographer Carrie Badeaux titled *Midnight Stroll*. The whole show, including a 15-minute intermission will run two hours and is appropriate for the whole family ages two and up.

The Sundance Ballet Company is the performance company of the Dance Scene Studio and is a DreamMaker project of the Ink People.

Pre-sale tickets are \$10 for kids 12 and under and \$20 for adults, at the door prices are \$15 and \$25.

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PRINCESS AND THE FROG CAST Back row from left, Sophia Acorn, Sophia Neyra, Miles Grant, Emilia Prim. Front row: Ruby Reid and Isabella Acorn. PHOTO

more help the Bayou Witch (Isabella Acorn) attempt to reverse the wrongdoing.

Wonderful bayou scenes with locally hand-built props and painted backdrops will delight audiences of all ages, and everyone will be enter-

Carrie Badeaux says, "This is our 11th spring production and it has been such fun to build this creative show. The dancers have really expanded their repertoire to include the Cajun Waltz, the Charleston, and our ver-